The Cochin Agriculturists Relief Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, I seek leave of this Hon'ble House to introduce the Cochin Agriculturists Relief Act (Amendment) Bill.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

Amendment to Standing Orders

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* May I make one request that the Hon'ble Chair may be pleased to allow me to make this motion (to amend the Standing Orders) after lunch time.

Mr. President : Why ?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* If that is possible, I may be allowed to do so. I just want to peruse some papers before making the motion. If I am kindly granted permission to make the motion in the afternoon session, if the House is inclined to allow me, I will be grateful.

Mr. President : I have no objection if the House is willing to take up this motion in the afternoon out of its proper order.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am advised by my hon'ble friend that I may move it now.

Mr. President: I should think the Hon'ble Member is treating the House with very little courtesy; first of all to come unprepared for the business that is put down for the day and secondly to get up one minute and ask for one thing and at the next moment to withdraw it, and say something else. The Hon'ble Member will continue.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am sorry, Sir, and I apologise both to the House and to the Chair. I move that Standing Order No. 12 be amended as follows.— The ammendment read thus.—

Add between Standing Order 12 and Standing Order 13, the following as 12 A.

"A Member desiring to give preference to a question or questions to be sent up by him shall be entitled to make an asterisk mark against such question or questions and such starred questions shall be answered during the particular session for which they are sent, provided the number of such starred questions sent by a Member for a particular session shall not exceed the number of days in that Session."

Sir, much explanation is not necessary for this. The practice obtaining in this Hon'ble House is that an Hon'ble Member has got the right to send up as many questions as he can or as he wishes, and the Government has equally the right to answer or not to answer as many questions as they please or as they find convenient to answer. The amendment to the Standing Order which I seek to introduce has a better scope for achieving certain objects. In the many questions, in the case of few Members, that are sent up there may be questions of an outstanding nature and the amendment seeks that if such important questions according to the lights of the Hon'ble Member sending up those questions are starred, the Government be pleased to answer them from the many questions that are sent up by that particular Member and for putting that star mark a limit is to be imposed by the amendment; if for example, this particular sitting consisting of originally only five days and at the time of sending up the questions, the Member, if this amendment is happily passed, gets the right to put the asterisk mark against 5 questions and the Government have to answer them. He might have sent 40 or 50 questions, but as many questions as there are days in the particular sitting for which the question is sent will have to be answered by the Government. That is the amendment that is sought to be introduced. It is seen that such a procedure will be very useful. This is a procedure which obtains in the Central Assembly, but I may also tell this Hon'ble House that this procedure is not obtaining in the Provincial Legislatures. If any Hon'ble Member, or the Governmenti for that matter,—says—I am not courting trouble—if it is stated that this is a procedure obtaining only in the Central Assembly and not any where in the Provincial Legislatures and so why should this House go in for something singular, obtainable in the Central Assembly only, I shall only answer the ambition of this House is that we may attempt to approach the highest; the ultimate ambition is to rise to the level of the Mother of Parliaments, but let us be provincial first, let us rise to the level of the highest Legislature in India; what is obtainable there, let us have it here also.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* I second it.

Mr. President : This does not require seconding.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* I second it (Laughter).

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